



**NIGERIA
WEEKLY
INCIDENT REPORT**
13 April 2024 – 19 April 2024

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Executive Summary

Countrywide Incidents for the Week

1. Several university students protested in parts of Plateau State
2. SProtests also surged in parts of the Federal Capital territory.
3. A clash between rival cult groups was reported in Lagos State.
4. Two personnel of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) were abducted in Ebonyi State
5. At least 23 people were reportedly killed by bandits in Kaduna State



Figure 1. Incident map

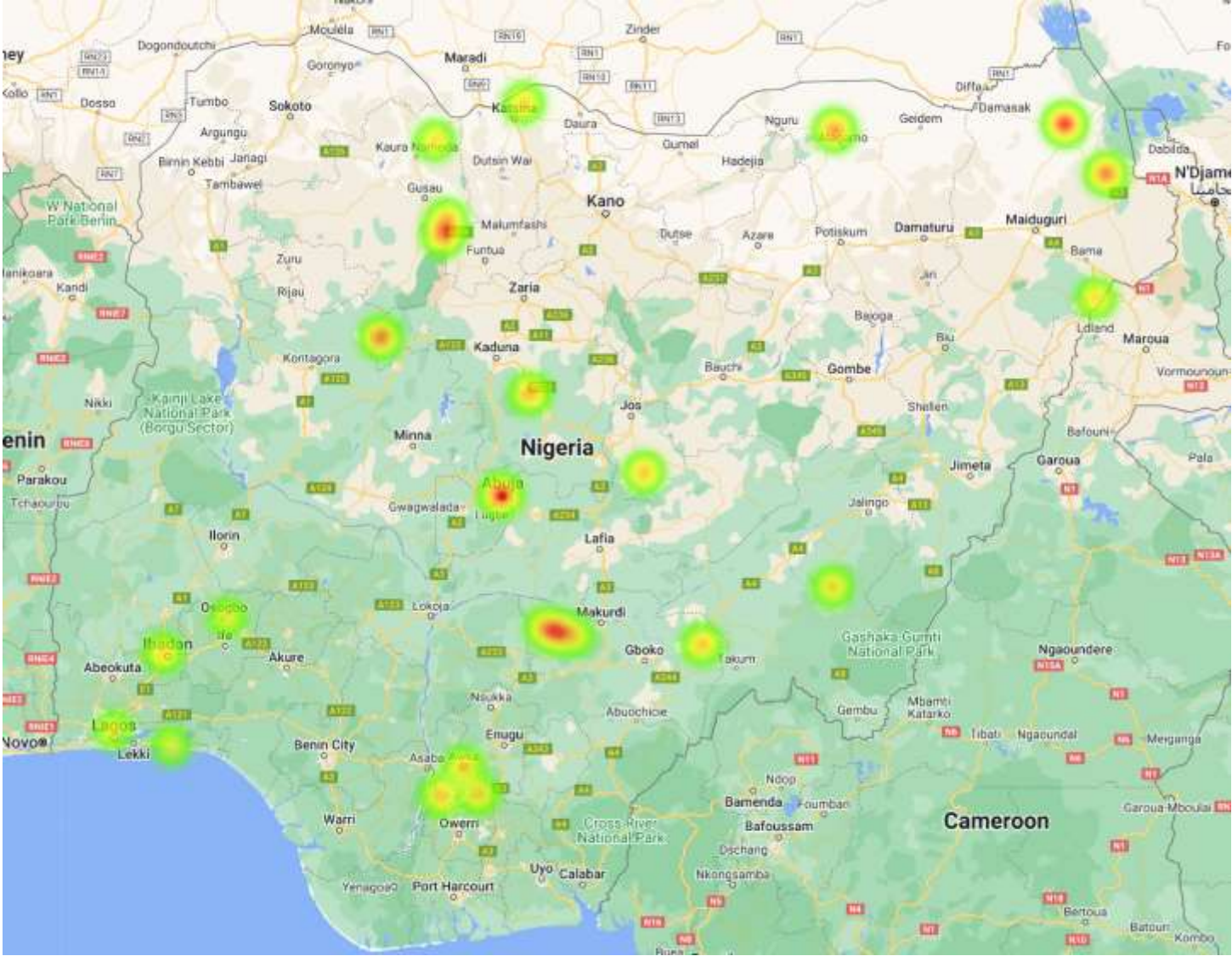


Figure 2. Graph portraying incident types per region

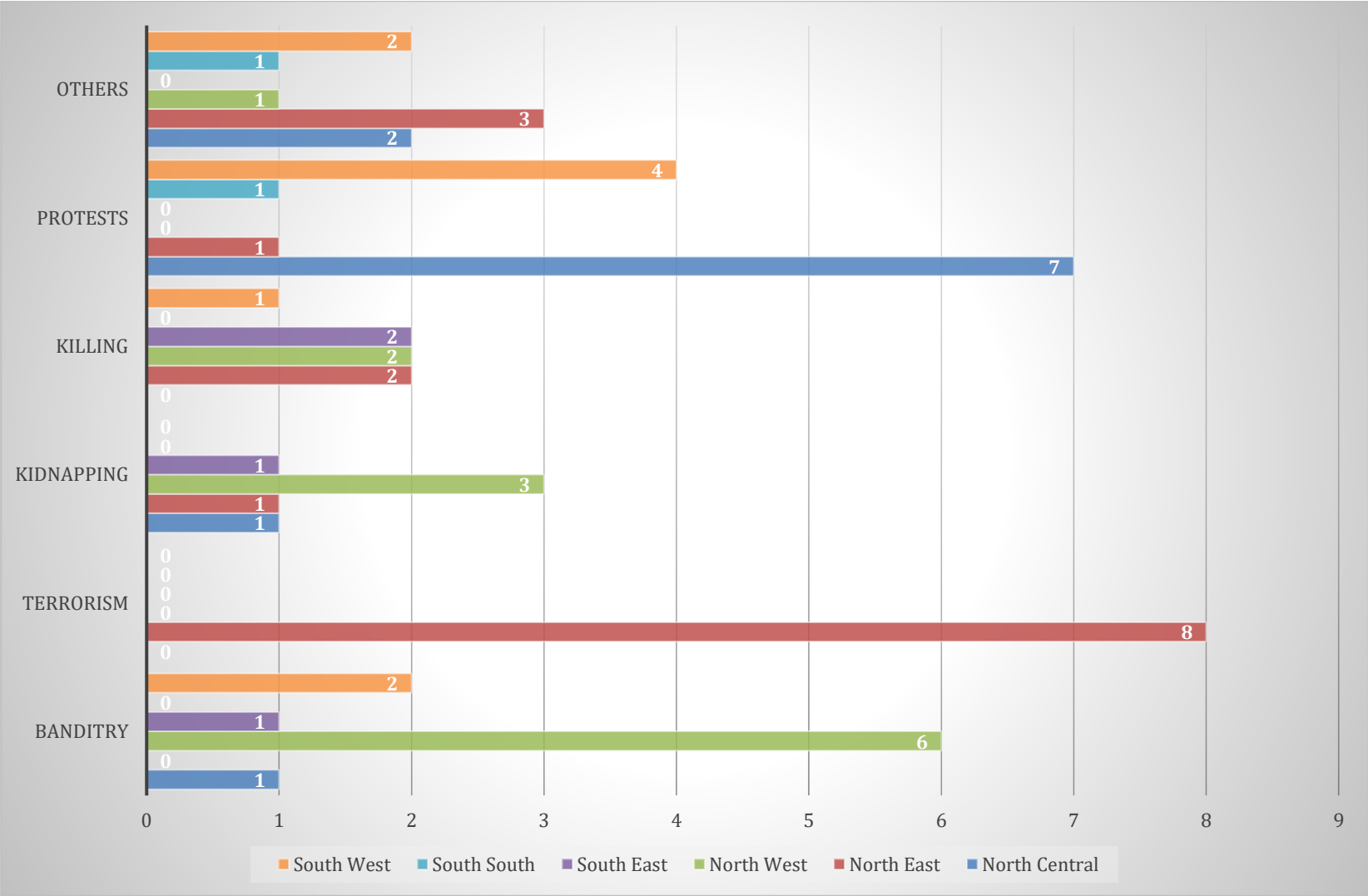
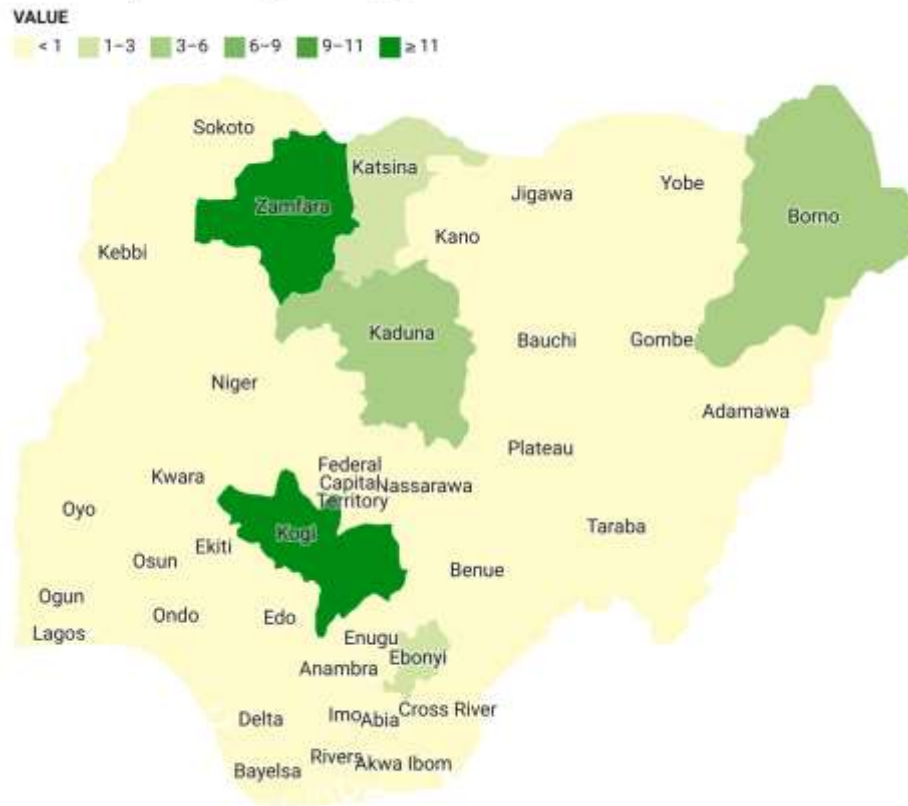


Figure 3.

Risk map showing kidnapped victims



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Figure 4.

Risk map showing killed victims



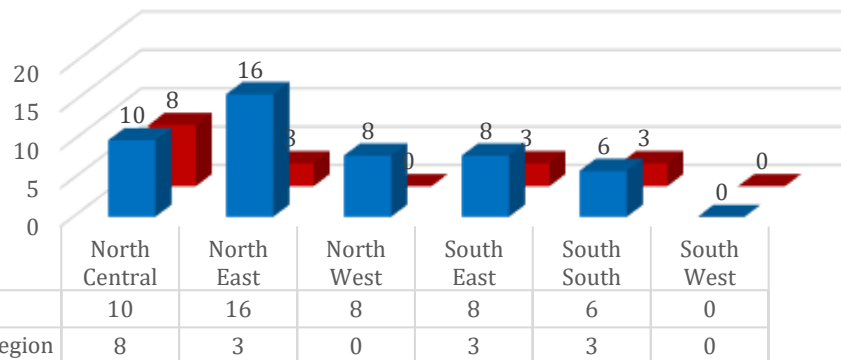
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The above risk maps show locations where citizens were killed and kidnapped in the reporting week. Figure 3 represents areas where abductions occurred, while Figure 4 reflects locations with recorded fatalities.

Weekly trend analysis

Figure 5. Week 15

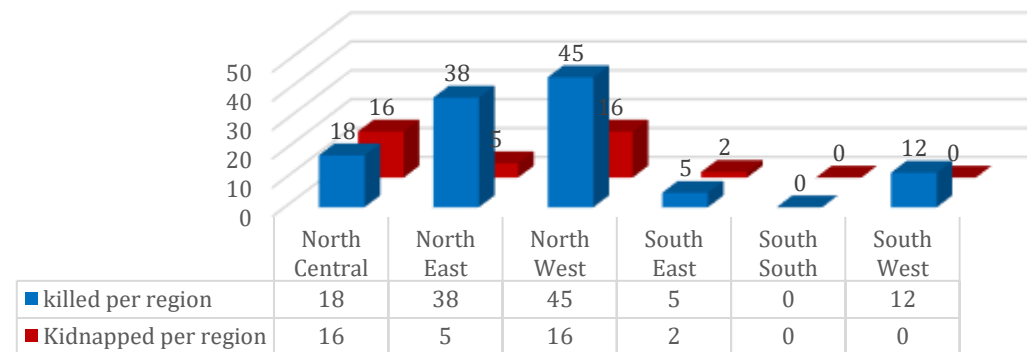
Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims



■ killed per region ■ Kidnapped per region

Figure 6. Week 16

Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims



■ killed per region ■ Kidnapped per region

The figures above show a bar chart contrasting the statistics from the total number of fatalities/kidnapped individuals between week 15 and week 16. The figures show regions where conflict-related fatalities were high and low, also capturing regions with high/low numbers of kidnapped victims. The blue bar represents the number of persons killed, while the dark red represents kidnapped victims.

Figure 7. Week 15

Risk map showing killed victims

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Figure 8. Week 16

Risk map showing killed victims

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The above figure shows a risk map contrasting areas where fatalities occurred in the country. The contrast between week 15 and week 16 helps spot the progression of conflict-related fatalities and shows areas where fatalities occurred the most and least. The color intensity and lightness depict areas with the least and most fatalities. Based on the above map, there was an overall increase in fatalities, with Zamfara, Kaduna, Borno, and Plateau state having the most fatalities nationwide.

Figure 9. Week 15

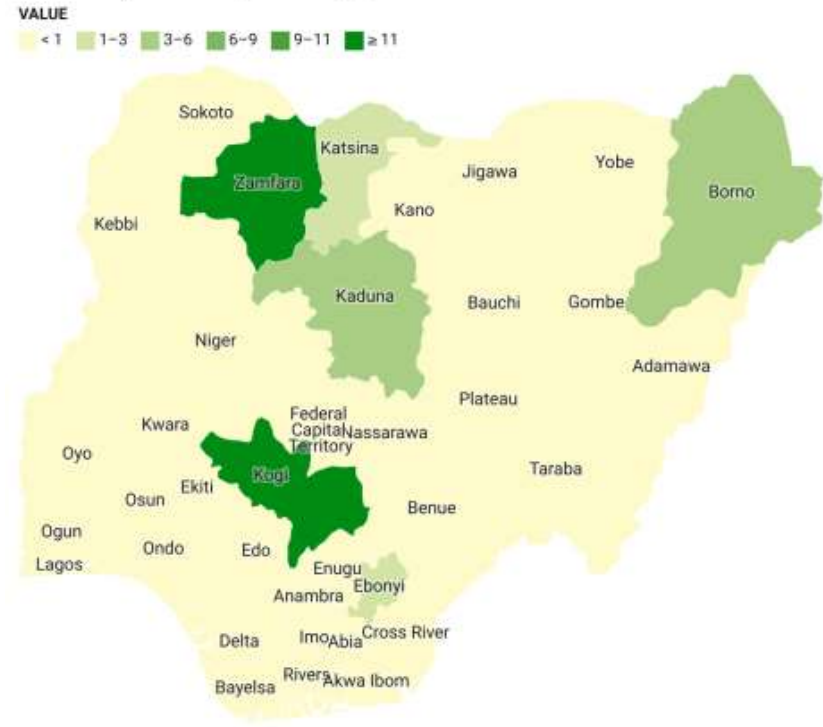
Risk map showing kidnapped victims



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Figure 10. Week 16

Risk map showing kidnapped victims



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The above figure captures areas where victims fall into kidnapping threats the most or least. In week 16, most kidnapped victims were from Kogi and Zamafara states. This is most likely because kidnap incidents were underreported in other states during the week.

Regional Summary/Incident list

NORTH CENTRAL (NC) - Summary

Analysis – During the week, the number of fatalities increased significantly to 18 individuals, while the count of kidnapping victims also increased slightly, with 16 reported victims. This could be attributed to underreporting during the reporting week.

During the reporting week, a series of incidents in North Central highlighted the intricate socio-political environment. Students at Plateau State University in Bokkos demonstrated against the senseless shooting death of a fellow student at the main entrance to the campus. Tensions in the already unstable area were further made worse by the security forces' response, which included firing gunshots to scatter the demonstrators. This underscores the urgent necessity for extensive security measures to protect communities. At the same time, eighteen people were killed in the return of gunman assaults in Plateau State's Mangu Local Government Area; the hardest-hit areas were Tilengpan and Bokkos. These assaults serve as a clear reminder of the ongoing security risks that locals must deal with, making immediate action to stop the violence necessary.

Youths affiliated with the opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) marched in favor of their respective party leaders, igniting a political frenzy in the nation's capital, Abuja. These protests brought attention to the power conflicts that exist inside political parties as well as the important role that grassroots movements play in influencing public opinion and galvanizing support. Civil society organizations stood out against perceived injustices and protested favoritism and nepotism in the legal system during the political upheaval. The Chief Justice's son's selection as a judge provoked protests and calls for institutional changes, highlighting the necessity of openness and responsibility in government.

NORTH CENTRAL (NC) – Incident List

19 April 2024 - Students of the Plateau State University in Bokkos are protesting over the murder of a student by gunmen at the school's main gate. Reports indicate that security forces have reportedly fired gunshots to disperse the protesters causing heightened tension in the area.

19 March 2024 – Renewed gunmen attacks in Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau state on Friday have claimed about 18 lives.

17 April 2024 – Youths in the ruling All Progressives Congress, APC, led other party supporters from across the country to the party's national secretariat in Abuja in solidarity with the APC National Chairman, Alhaji Abdullahi Ganduje.

17 April 2024 – Protesters on Wednesday flooded the premises of the national headquarters of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Abuja, throwing their support for the Acting National Chairman of the Party, Umar Damagun; and the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Nyesom Wike.

17 April 2024 – Gunmen have shot dead a bus driver and abducted his 16 passengers near Chikara village on the Abuja-Lokoja highway. City & Crime learned that the incident happened on Thursday around midnight when the gunmen opened fire on a Sharon bus at a bend near Yakwo Farms.

16 April 2024 – Indigenes of Gwer West Local Government Area in Benue State took to the streets on Tuesday evening, blocking the Makurdi-Naka Road to protest recent killings in the area.

16 April 2024 – A coalition of Civil Society Organizations held a protest over alleged nepotism and favoritism by the Chief Justice of Nigeria, following the appointment of his son as a judge of the Federal High Court. The protesters marched along the road leading to the Supreme Court in the Three Arms Zone, Garki, AMAC, FCT.

15 April 2024 – A clash occurred between two National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) factions at the Mama Arinze Garden in Area 3, Abuja. Bladed weapons and other dangerous weapons were used to disrupt a planned inauguration at the Merit House in Abuja on April 16, 2024.

15 April 2024 – Students of the University of Jos (UNI JOS), Plateau state protested at the school gate along Bauchi Road in the Jos area over the hike in school fees and poor medical facilities.

15 April 2024 – The Benue Internal Revenue Service, BIRS, has said that hoodlums intercepted two trucks of palliative and manhandled the drivers in the process. The acting chairman of BIRS, Emmanuel Agema, disclosed this while addressing newsmen in Makurdi, Benue state.

NORTH EAST (NE) - Summary

Analysis – There was an overall increase in the number of fatalities as 38 persons were killed while kidnapped victims increased significantly, with 5 kidnap victims during the week.

Several security incidents that occurred in Nigeria's North East highlighted the region's persistent issues. Former JAS Shekau members raided the Wagga Lawan community in Adamawa state, stealing cattle, food, and clothing. Even though no casualties were reported, the event brought attention to the ongoing threat posed by criminal activity in the area.

Ex-JAS Shekau militants engaged security troops in a violent firefight in Gajibo town, Borno State, which is roughly 10km northeast of Dikwa town along the Dikwa-Ngala Main Supply Route (MSR). Two soldiers lost their lives in the altercation, eleven others were injured, and a security force weapons vehicle was damaged. This fight highlighted the continued security difficulties that military forces deal with when fighting rebel groups in the area. Suspected ISWAP terrorists detonated improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in Borno State, mostly along the Baga-Kukawa Road and the road between Kirinowa and Marte. This led to numerous wounded, including fatalities. These assaults underscore the ongoing danger that insurgent organizations offer in the Northeast and the difficulties that security personnel encounter in guaranteeing the safety and security of civilians in the area.

Meanwhile, in Taraba State, unknown gunmen targeted and killed a third-class chief, Abdulmutalib Nuhu, at Sensani Village. The incident occurred shortly before the commencement of the Nwonyo Fishing and Cultural Festival organized by the Taraba State Government, reflecting the vulnerability of local communities to acts of violence and instability.

NORTH EAST (NE) – Incident List

19 April 2024 – Several ex-JAS Shekau members stormed the Wagga Lawan community and stole clothes, food items, and cattle before withdrawing. No casualties were recorded.

18 April 2024 – Ex-JAS Shekau elements attacked the SF position in Gajibo town and SF engaged the attackers in an exchange of fire lasting approximately one hour. Two soldiers were reportedly killed, 11 others were wounded and an SF gun truck was destroyed during the exchange of fire. Gajibo is 10km Northeast of Dikwa town along the Dikwa-Ngala MSR.

18 April 2024 – Unknown gunmen, on Thursday night, killed a third-class chief, Abdulmutalib Nuhu, at Sensani Village in the Gasol Local Government Area of Taraba State. It was gathered that Nuhu was murdered a few hours before the hosting of the Nwonyo Fishing and Cultural Festival organized by the Taraba State Government in the Ibbi Local Government Area of the state.

17 April 2024 – No fewer than 16 persons were feared dead and 20 others injured when a commercial vehicle plying the Baga-Kukawa Road in the Kukawa Local Government Area of Borno State drove over an Improvised Explosives Device suspected to have been planted by ISWAP terrorists.

17 April 2024 – Suspected ISWAP terrorists planted a landmine explosive along Baga Road in Kukawa Local Government Area resulting in 30 casualties including 10 fatalities. Reports indicate that the commercial vehicle exploded after contact with the IED. Security forces are unconfirmed at the location.

17 April 2024 – Troops of the Nigerian Army invaded a Boko Haram/Islamic State of West African Province (ISWAP) stronghold in Borno State and recovered gun trucks and other armaments.

15 April 2024 – The Nigerian Army troops and local vigilantes have arrested a suspected gun runner in Taraba. The suspect, Mansir Muhammed, was arrested at Jalingo Motor Park for allegedly supplying weapons to terrorists.

15 April 2024 – About 13 ISWAP members were attempting to emplace an IED in the Dogon Gida village area along the KirinowaMarte road, when the device exploded, killing six and wounding four of them.

15 April 2024 – Six ISWAP insurgents were killed, and three others were injured while deploying an IED at Dogon Gida village, on the road between Kirnowa and Marte in Marte LGA, Borno State.

14 April 2024 – An armed group suspected to be ISWAP members kidnapped five people in Zaimano village approximately 20 km south of Gubio town, along the Gubio, Borno State - Damasak MSR. An SF patrol team reportedly rescued the victims and arrested four of the abductors in the process of paying ransom.

14 April 2024 – Youths in the Gashua community of Bade local government area of Yobe State, on Sunday, protested the killing of a tricycle rider and three others, allegedly by military personnel who were deployed to the town to provide security to residents.

14 April 2024 – Four unidentified men armed with a Dane gun suspected to be hired assassins, attacked a male adult in his residence in IVO Shuwari community in Damboa town, Borno State.

14 April 2024 – Suspected armed ISWAP elements attacked firewood vendors at Malmchelmri village, before the Yazaram River Bridge, about 3 km North of Bama town, Borno State.

14 April 2024 – Two civilians on bicycles were struck by an IED assessed to be emplaced by ISWAP members ahead of the Wulgo first gate, Borno State. One person was killed and the other was injured.

13 April 2024 – A group of ex-JAS Shekau members attacked civilians who went for firewood IVO Fadagwe village, Boro State, and killed one civilian and seized six bicycles. SF mobilized to the scene, but the attackers had withdrawn before their arrival.

NORTH WEST (NW) - Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities increased significantly, with 45 persons killed, while kidnapped individuals increased significantly with 16 victims during the week.

The North West region of Nigeria witnessed a series of violent incidents perpetrated by bandit groups, highlighting the pervasive insecurity in the area. In Kaurar Zomo village, located in the Kunchin Kalgo district of Tsafe Local Government Area in Zamfara State, a confrontation between three rival bandit groups resulted in the deaths of two notorious bandit kingpins, Kachala Gwande and Kachallah Madagwal, along with 12 others. This clash underscores the ongoing power struggles and violence among rival criminal factions in the region. Further incidents occurred in Sokoto and Zamfara states, where bandits attacked residents of Isa and Sabon Birni villages in Sokoto State. They abducted nine people in Dumfawa village, Zurmi Local Government Area, Zamfara State. These events underscore the widespread nature of banditry in the Northwest region, posing significant challenges to the safety and security of residents and underscoring the urgent need for comprehensive security measures to address the root causes of the violence.

In Malumfashi Local Government Area of Katsina State, bandits attacked the Na'Alma community, leading to a fatality and the reported kidnapping of an unspecified number of individuals. The incident highlights the brazenness of bandit groups operating in the area and the vulnerability of local communities to violent attacks and criminal activities. Similarly, in the Eastern part of Birnin Gwari Local Government Area in Kaduna State, bandits targeted the Anguwar Danko community, resulting in the deaths of at least 23 people. Additionally, in the Danko community, Birnin Gwari Local Government Area, Kaduna State, bandits abducted an unspecified number of individuals from their residences, further exacerbating the insecurity and fear gripping the region.

NORTH WEST (NW) – Incident List

18 April 2024 - Two notorious bandit kingpins, Kachala Gwande, and Kachallah Madagwal, and 12 others have been killed following a confrontation involving three rival bandit groups at Kaurar Zomo village in the Kunchin Kalgo district of Tsafe Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

17 April 2024 - Bandits have reportedly attacked the Na'Alma community in Malumfashi Local Government Area, Katsina state resulting in a fatality. Reports indicate that an unconfirmed number of individuals were also kidnapped during the attack. Security personnel are anticipated in the area.

17 April 2024 - At least 23 people have been reportedly killed by bandits, who attacked the Anguwar Danko community near Dogon Dawa district in the Eastern part of Birnin Gwari Local Government Area of Kaduna State. Birnin Gwari shares a border with Katsina State.

17 April 2024 - Bandits reportedly kidnapped an unspecified number of individuals from their residence in the Danko community, Birnin Gwari Local Government Area, Kaduna State. Reports indicate that the assailants besieged the community and fired sporadic gunshots during the incident on 17 April.

16 April 2024 - Bandits have reportedly attacked residents of Isa and Sabon Birni villages in Isa and Sabon Birni Local Government Area, Sokoto state.

16 April 2024 - Bandits on Tuesday killed three persons in the Birnin Gwari Local Government Area of Kaduna State. Two people were killed when the assailants attacked a community near Anguwar Tanko Dogon Sarki settlement under the Kakangi constituency of Birnin Gwari LGA around 9:00 am, according to residents.

15 April 2024 - Bandits attacked Dumfawa village in Zurmi LGA, Zamfara state, and abducted nine people.

15 April 2024 - Bandits attacked Kwalawa village in Birnin Magaji/Kiyaw LGA, Zamfara State. One person was killed and two people were injured.

15 April 2024 - Bandits reportedly kidnapped an unconfirmed number of individuals in Gidan Dan Zara village, Zurmi Local Government Area, Zamfara state. Reports indicate that 2 vehicles were set ablaze and foodstuff were looted during the incursion that occurred on 15 April.

SOUTH EAST (SE) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased with 5 killed victims while kidnap victims also decreased significantly with only 2 recorded during the week. This can be attributed to the underreporting of incidents in the region.

Incidents of violence and insecurity rocked the South East region of Nigeria, signaling ongoing challenges in maintaining peace and security. In the Okija community, in Anambra State armed assailants launched an attack on a security checkpoint, resulting in the tragic deaths of three security operatives. This brazen assault underscores the persistent threat posed by criminal elements in the region and highlights the need for robust security measures to safeguard communities and prevent further violence. At Aroma junction still in Anambra state, a series of violent incidents unfolded, with individuals being targeted by unknown assailants. On Wednesday evening, one person was fatally shot at the junction, followed by another shooting on Thursday morning near a motor park. The victims, including an official of the Anambra Road Traffic Management Agency (ARTMA), fell victim to the senseless violence plaguing the area, prompting concerns about public safety and the need for enhanced security measures.

Further exacerbating the security situation, the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) reported the abduction of two of its personnel by gunmen along the Abakaliki-Enugu federal highway in Ebonyi State. This brazen act of abduction underscores the vulnerability of security personnel to criminal activities and highlights the challenges faced by law enforcement agencies in ensuring the safety of personnel operating in high-risk areas.

SOUTH EAST (SE) – Incident List

18 April 2024 - Unidentified armed persons attacked a security checkpoint IVO Okija community and killed 3 security operatives. The checkpoint was beefed up to forestall a recurrence.

18 April 2024 - A few hours after one person was gunned down at Aroma junction on Wednesday evening, another person was again been felled on Thursday morning. An eyewitness said the incident happened close to a motor park, where commuters ferry passengers from Awka to Nnewi. The source said the victim is an official of the Anambra Road Traffic Management Agency (ARTMA).

17 April 2024 - The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has confirmed the abduction of two of its personnel by gunmen along the Abakaliki-Enugu federal highway in Ebonyi State.

17 April 2024 - One person was killed at the popular Aroma junction in Awka, Anambra State when some suspected cultists invaded the arena. The incident happened around 6.48 pm on Wednesday when many shops and other business activities were winding up.

SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased as compared to the previous week with 0 victims captured, while no person was kidnapped during the reporting week. This can be attributed to the underreporting of incidents in the region.

The South-South region of Nigeria witnessed incidents highlighting the complex dynamics of security and public unrest. In Delta State, operatives of the Delta State Police Command, Warri 'B Division, intervened to disrupt a protest by commercial tricycle and vehicle drivers in Warri over the sale of exorbitant haulage tickets. Despite the police intervention, tensions flared as the leader of the protesters, Mr. Innocent Victor, was reportedly arrested for alleged breach of public peace, underscoring the delicate balance between maintaining order and addressing grievances in the region. Meanwhile, in efforts to combat illegal oil activities, the Air Component of "Operation Delta Safe" carried out airstrikes targeting seven illegal refining sites and four boats in the Idama community, aiming to curtail oil theft and protect vital infrastructure. These actions reflect the ongoing challenges of maintaining security and combating illicit activities in the South-South region.

SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Incident List

15 April 2024 - Operatives of Delta State Police Command, Warri 'B Division, on Monday morning, disrupted protesting commercial tricycle and vehicle drivers over the sale of outrageous haulage tickets in Warri, Delta State. The police operatives, who arrived at the scene of the protest in two trucks, however, whisked away the leader of the protesters, Mr Innocent Victor for alleged breach of public peace.

13 April 2024 - The Air Component of "Operation Delta Safe" located and destroyed seven illegal refining sites and four boats in the Idama community on different dates. The airstrikes targeted oil thieves involved in bursting and siphoning crude oil from pipelines.

SOUTH WEST (SW) - Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities increased compared to the previous week with 12 fatalities captured while no individual was also kidnapped during the reporting week.

The Southwest region of Nigeria experienced a wave of violence and civil unrest, highlighting the complex socio-political dynamics in the area. In Ogun State, gunmen targeted traditional Chiefs (Baales) of Keleu village, Saibu Razaq, and Abule-Oko Village, Sesi Oḍunjo, while they were returning from a Council of Baales meeting at Obalade Abule Oba village. This brazen attack on community leaders underscores the insecurity prevalent in certain areas and the vulnerability of individuals to targeted violence.

In Lagos State, members of the National Union of Banks, Insurance, and Financial Institutions Employees (NUBIFIE) staged protests at the Heritage Bank's head office in Eti-Osa Local Government Area over the dismissal of over 1000 support workers by the management. The demonstrations reflect growing discontent among workers over labor practices and job security issues in the financial sector.

Meanwhile, in Osogbo, the Osun State capital, the National Association of Polytechnic Students (NAPS) protested against the perceived disparity between Higher National Diploma (HND) and Bachelor's degree qualifications. The demonstrators called for legislative action to address the HND/BSc dichotomy, emphasizing the need for equitable treatment and recognition of polytechnic education.

In Ekiti State, gunmen stormed the Ilejemeje Local Government Area Secretariat, causing chaos and disrupting normal activities. This incident underscores the vulnerability of government institutions to security threats and highlights the challenges faced by local authorities in ensuring the safety of citizens and public infrastructure.

SOUTH WEST (SW) – Incident List

18 April 2024 - Gunmen have allegedly shot the traditional Chiefs (Baales) of Keleu village, Saibu Razaq, and Abule-Oko Village, Sesi Oḍunjo while returning from a Council of Baales meeting at Obalade Abule Oba village in Ogun State.

18 April 2024 - Members of the National Union of Banks, Insurance and Financial Institutions Employees (NUBIFIE), are protesting at the Heritage Bank's head office located at Ahmadu Bello Way, Eti-Osa Local Government Area Lagos State, over the dismissal of over 1000 support workers by the management.

17 April 2024 - The National Association of Polytechnic Students, NAPS, yesterday, stormed Osogbo, the Osun State capital protesting against continuous disparity between the Higher National Diploma, HND and Bachelor's degree, saying it is time President Bola Tinubu assents to the HND/BSc dichotomy bill to end the imbroglio.

16 April 2024 - Gunmen on Tuesday stormed the Ilejemeje Local Government Area Secretariat in Ede-Oniyi, Ekiti State, causing panic and chaos among workers. The attackers disrupted normal activities and forced employees to flee the premises for safety.

16 April 2024 - Youths, market women, and chiefs of the Odorangunshin community held a protest at the Lagos State House of Assembly complex in Alausa, Ikeja LGA in Lagos State, over the non-installation of their monarch nine years after the death of the former king which has resulted in a lingering battle over the throne by two candidates.

15 April 2024 - A clash between rival cult groups has been reported at Oshogun Junction, Alapere in Ketu, Kosofe Local Government Area, Lagos State resulting in a fatality.

15 April 2024 - Residents of Araromi-Ekiti in Ijero LGA held a protest at the Ekiti State House of Assembly and the Governor's office in Ado-Ekiti, Ado-Ekiti LGA Ekiti State, over the alleged compromise of the selection process of a new traditional ruler for the community.

15 April 2024 - At least nine armed robbers attacked a hotel in the Alagbado area of Alimosho LGA, Lagos State. Two staff members of the hotel were shot and injured. Policemen were deployed to the area to repel the attack. Two robbers were arrested.

13 April 2024 - Over a hundred unknown gunmen invaded the Egan Oriomi Community in the Otto Owo area, Lagos State, and shot dead 10 persons. An unconfirmed number of others were also wounded, while the attackers burnt about 15 houses. The cause of the attack was reported to be a chieftaincy tussle in the community.

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